

ABSOLUTE RATING: Average
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 36. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Average	Unsatisfactory
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	62.8	74.1	66.8	60.3	62.8	66.1
• Passed 2 subtests	16.9	11.8	19.1	20.1	18.9	16.7
• Passed 1 subtest	12.0	8.3	7.5	12.2	11.3	10.5
• Passed no subtests	8.3	5.7	6.6	7.4	6.9	6.6

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	20.9%	17.1%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	21.8%	18.1%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	48.2%	47.4%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Seniors			
Student Group	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	88.9%	20.9%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	64.0%	4.2%	
Students without disabilities	91.7%	25.6%	
Gender			
Male	89.5%	22.2%	
Female	88.2%	19.6%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	83.3%	5.9%	
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	
White	93.7%	18.8%	
Other	100.0%	100.0%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	82.1%	7.1%	
Pay for lunch	92.1%	27.3%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	82.8%
Completers placed	N/A
Eligible students enrolled	31.9%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,206	N/A	\$5,304	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	93.2%	Down from 93.9%	89.5%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	28.1 to 1	N/A	24.6 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,061)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	48.4%	N/A	41.1%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	97.6%	Up from 97.5%	95.0%	95.3%
• Retention rate	11.2%	Up from 11.1%	10.6%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=72)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.4 Days	Up from 5.0	7.7 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	96.7%	Up from 96.5%	95.7%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	66.7%	Up from 61.4%	47.9%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	79.2%	Up from 77.8%	79.3%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.8%	Down from 4.2%	2.3%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	84.3%	Up from 83.4%	85.1%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,355	Up 5.3%	\$37,539	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	4.5%	Up from 2.9%	3.5%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	52.7%	N/A	57.6%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	7.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	48.5%	N/A	61.0%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	10.5%	Down from 13.5%	10.0%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	27	N/A	33	29
• Gifted and talented	17.9%	Down from 35.8%	6.6%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	14.5%	Up from 14.2%	10.9%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	6.0%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	338	N/A	403	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	4.0%	N/A	29.3%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The mission of Camden High School is to graduate confident, competent and responsible students who reach their maximum potential. Three years ago, the Freshman Focus Program was established to target 9th graders who were performing below grade level. As a result, failure rates were dramatically reduced and passing rates of first-time Exit Exam takers increased. The program was enhanced and continued due to positive evaluations. Other accomplishments are as follows:

- Ranked "Top Ten" in SAT improvement with 23 points above the national average and recognized by Governor Hodges with a \$10,000 check.
- Graduating seniors earned over \$1,000,000 in scholarships. There were eight Palmetto Fellows and one Byrd Scholar named to the All-State Academic Team.
- 17 seniors were named to the All-County Academic Team.
- 5 seniors won Kershaw County SAT Honor Court Scholarships for the "highest" and "most improved" scores.
- CHS physics students won first place in the state contest at Clemson University in areas of "car design" and "impromptu competitions".

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

- 14 of 14 varsity sports competed in state playoffs; 9 athletes were named All-State, and 49 were selected as All-Region.
 - CHS Band earned an Outstanding Performance Award; 20 students rated Superior at the SC Solo ensemble.
 - CHS JROTC earned "Honor Unit with Distinction" and ranked in top 1% in the US.
- ### COMMUNITY SERVICE
- CHS students raised over \$4,000 for the United Way and March of Dimes.
 - 88 students served as Mentor Tutors in local elementary schools.
 - CHS clubs have adopted two community highways for periodic trash clean up.

Future goals for Camden High include being named a National Blue Ribbon School winner as part of our continuing efforts to strive for excellence. CHS receives outstanding support and involvement from the School Improvement Council, Academic Booster Club, Camden Bulldog Club, and Camband Club.

Reggie Dean, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	95.3	65.1	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	95.3	78.6	
Satisfied with home-school relations	82.8	85.1	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 1,061 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Below Average



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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